

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Early, Texas**

**September 21, 2008** **11:00 A.M.**

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\* Indicates that you are invited to stand if you are able

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP  
WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF OUR MINISTRIES**

**MUSIC TO PREPARE US FOR WORSHIP** Lori Arp

**CENTERING SONG** *Holy Ground*

We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now,  
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.  
(Repeat)

**ACOLYTES ENTER WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP** See Screen

**CELEBRATING THE BLESSING OF YOUR PRESENCE**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See (Refrain)* 454

Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Luke 19:1-10* NT-82

**MESSAGE**

*Why Am I Not Where I Want to Be?* Eddie Smart

**INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS**

**\*HYMN** *Only Trust Him* 337

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY** 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH GIVING**

Giving in a way that honors God is a spiritual discipline.  
The decision to do so is a spiritual decision.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Close to Thee* 407

**\*SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING**

**\*\*INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY\*\***

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**Welcome guests!**

Welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. We are all blessed as we join together in worship. May you know the joy of Christ Jesus living in you, and may your life be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. It is always our desire to find worship here transforming and renewing.

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**A New Purpose**

We are collecting used inkjet cartridges for recycling. The funds received will be used for camp scholarships for our children and youth. There are boxes set up around the church for them.

**See Our Web-site**

**<http://earlyfumc.org>**

You will find a map to help others find us, a calendar of everything happening at our facility and within the conference, sermons, our bookstore, an Angel Food Ministries menu with times to order and pick up food, and additional information about this church and its ministries.

**Special Opportunities**

Angel Food Ministries, Meals on Wheels, Fast-Aide kits, United Methodist Women, Men with a Mission, Sonshine cards, Adult Choir, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, Good Samaritan Ministries and Health Kits & Flood Buckets for UMCOR

**Sonshine Cards**

The brightly colored cards in the pew gives you the opportunity to put some "sonshine" in someone's life. Simply write a note on one side of the card and put their name and address on the other side. You can place the card in the offering plate. We will mail "your note" during the week to let them know you were thinking about them.



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